

## NORFOLK ALARMED; POLICE AT FAULT

Incendiary Fires Still Continue.  
Betting on Future Fires.—No  
Clue to Mystery.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NORFOLK, VA., October 21.—Incendiary fires are still working in this city, three fires in the business district having been reported between midnight and 6 A. M. to-day. The first was at the wholesale notion store owned by S. Fine & Company, and caused \$5,000 damage. The second was at the office of the United States Express Company, and the third at the City Hay and Grain Company's establishment, and were extinguished in their incipient stage. The chiefs of the fire and police departments to-day conferred with the board of control, and heroic steps are to be taken to apprehend the incendiaries.

So frequent are fires occurring in the city that people with sporting inclinations are betting, and giving odds on a conflagration occurring each night. That the fires are being furthered and offered to water in which end of the business section of the city the fire will occur.

That the fires are of incendiary origin, everybody believes, and the feeling is strong that some one mentally irresponsible is applying the torch. The entire city is stirred, and Chief Kizer is working his men overtime trying to apprehend the guilty party. It is said that the police have one man under surveillance, but they will not give out anything for publication.

Almost without exception the fires occurring are of mysterious origin, beginning on the outside of buildings, and where there is no reason for them, no fires, no electric wires and nothing thought to be capable of spontaneous combustion. Another peculiar feature is the fact that the fires are occurring first in one end of the business section and then the other. This has been so that the fires are willing to-day to bet that the fire to-night will occur, and that it will be located west of Granby Street, as it is that section of the city that is being carefully guarded each night.

**Insurance Rates May Be Raised.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NORFOLK, VA., October 21.—It is announced to-night that Norfolk is in danger of having her fire insurance rates raised materially, unless the city officials get busy and inaugurate a number of improvements asked by the Underwriters' Association, after an inspection of the city held several years ago. The committee claim that a large majority of the recommendations have been carried out. This is denied by the underwriters.

**HIS TWO WIVES ENTRAP HIM.**

One Would Not Suffice, and as a Result Is in Jail Under Charge of Bigamy.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., October 21.—Meyer Munford, a young man well known in Hampton and York county, is in the Hampton jail, charged with bigamy. Sheriff Phillips, of York county, went to Portsmouth to-day and took charge of Munford, who had been arrested by the Portsmouth authorities. Mrs. Munford, No. 1, who

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was a Miss Hopkins, of York county, went over with the sheriff, carrying her baby, and accompanied the prisoner to Hampton. Mrs. Munford, No. 2, was Miss Mary E. Smith, of Philadelphia. The first marriage occurred seven years ago, and since that time Munford and his wife apparently have lived together happily. About six months ago the man, through a matrimonial bureau, entered into corre-

## News of Petersburg

Times-Dispatch Bureau,  
109 North Sycamore Street,  
Petersburg, Va., October 21.—A meeting of citizens of Prince George county was held in the Masonic hall at Burrowsville on Saturday, at which Mr. George W. Williams presided and Mr. R. C. Burrow acted as secretary. The chairman explained the object of the meeting to be to get an expression of the sentiment and feeling of the people in regard to the building of the electric or trolley connecting line proposed to be run through the county to connect Petersburg and Norfolk. The following gentlemen were appointed a committee to draft resolutions on the subject and report to an adjourned meeting to be held in Newville on October 21st: Alex. R. Clary, Captain John S. Webb, Dr. William C. Webb, W. B. Eatis, Dr. W. H. Adams and William Brady. Captain John S. Webb, by request, addressed the meeting. He stated the fact that the Norfolk and Portsmouth Passenger and Traction Company has in operation as far as Churchland, which is about eight miles west of Norfolk, a part of the recently constructed line, and that the company demand the building of the intervening link, it being understood that the intention of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company to extend its line eventually to Washington, and hence, logically, on to the seaboard at Norfolk.

A meeting was well attended and enthusiastic in the promise to give the rights of way and depot sites when the same will not vitiate the value of property. The great benefit of a line between Petersburg and Norfolk, not only to the two cities, but to the country through which it will run, has long been appreciated.

**Marriages in Petersburg.**  
At noon to-day in Tabb Street Presbyterian Church, Miss Martha Dunn Stevenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stevenson, was united in marriage to Mr. Nathaniel Mason Martin, formerly of Petersburg, but now of North Carolina. The church was filled with an assembly of friends of the young couple, who are widely and favorably known and connected in the city. The officiating clergymen were the Rev. Dr. Richard McWaine, uncle of the bridegroom, and the Rev. Dr. J. S. Foster, pastor of the church. Mrs. Hamilton Seabury, the bride's sister, was matron of honor, and the Rev. Dr. J. S. Foster, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The following gentlemen served as ushers: Dr. Henry McWaine and Dr. Richard McWaine, uncle of the bride; Mr. Hamilton Seabury, Mr. Vaughan Jones, Mr. P. H. Drewry and Mr. Robert A. Martin, Jr., of Petersburg. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for their future home in Wilmington, N. C., carrying with them the best wishes of their many friends.

**Daner-Pitts.**  
A quiet but very pretty wedding took place at 6 o'clock last evening at the residence of Dr. Thomas Jay Pitts, on Madison Street, when Miss Martha E. Pitts was married to Mr. Manning J. Daner, of Wilmington, N. C. Only the parents of the couple and a few immediate friends were present. Rev. Dr. R. W. Barnwell, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, performed the ceremony. The parlors were handsomely decorated with palms, ferns and flowers. The bride wore a handsome traveling dress of dark blue broadcloth, with hat to match, and carried a white rose.

Her maid of honor was her sister, Miss Pattie R. Pitts, who wore a gown of champagne silk and carried a yellow chrysanthemum. Mr. Alfred A. Moffett, of Jackson, Fla., was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Daner left immediately for the home of the bride's parents, and the bride and groom left for the North on their bridal trip.

**Dahlen-Alley.**  
Miss Hattie Cornelia Alley, daughter of Mrs. Charles E. Alley, and Mr. Henry Olaf Dahlen, of Washington, D. C., were married at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon at the home of the bride, on Fairfax Street, the Rev. J. O. Babcock, of Wesley M. E. Church, officiating. They left for Columbia, S. C., the home of the bride's parents, but their residence will be in Washington.

**Miscellaneous News.**  
In the forenoon this morning William Mayfield, colored, treasurer of

spendence with Miss Small, and in August he went to Philadelphia and married her. He took her to Portsmouth, and then returned to Hampton to rejoin his family. His frequent visits to Portsmouth aroused the suspicions of wife No. 1, who made some inquiries, and then wrote to wife No. 2. Both women kept quiet until a warrant had been issued, and Munford was landed in the Portsmouth jail.

**Driven Into Hampton Roads.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NORFOLK, VA., October 21.—The four-masted schooner Massachusetts, Captain Lane, from Charleston, S. C., September 28th, for New York, lumber laden, arrived in Hampton Roads last night, after efforts lasting several weeks to work her way up the coast through almost continuous northeast storms. The Massachusetts is a vessel of light draft, and was buffeted helplessly about in the mountainous seas off the North Carolina coast. The northeast storm still continues, with the wind forty-four miles an hour, barometer at thirty-six miles an hour at Cape Henry.

**HOSPITAL ATTENDANT HURT.**

Patent Cut Man Who Was Taking Him to Asylum at Staunton.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
STAUNTON, VA., October 21.—Frank Weade, attendant at the Western State Hospital here, was cut in the arm to the bone at Culpeper by a patient he was bringing to the hospital, but with help reached here to-night with the patient.

**Bishop Randolph Celebrates.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NORFOLK, VA., October 21.—Right Rev. A. M. Randolph, Bishop of Virginia, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his elevation to the bishopric to-day, with devotional exercises and Holy Communion at old St. Paul's church, followed to-night by a social reception at the Christ Church parish house. The bishop was presented with a magnificent silver fruit bowl, as a token of esteem and love from the clergy and laity. R. B. Tunstall made the presentation and Bishop Randolph responded.

**Body of Unknown Man Found.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
SUFFOLK, VA., October 21.—The body of an unidentified man, partly decomposed, was found in Suffolk harbor to-day by the captain of the ship Hampton. There has been no recent drowning in the Nansemond River. The corpse is supposed to have been carried at least twenty miles by the northeast gales.

**Zion Lodge of Colored Knights of Pythias**, was convicted of misappropriating the funds of the lodge, and was sentenced to jail for fifteen days. Many of the brethren of the lodge were present in court in part regalia.

John Bagley, colored, was charged with threatening to burn the house of Millie Shoalter, on Cooper's Alley, and to burn the woman in it. He was required to give bond and security in the penalty of \$100 to keep the peace for six months. The woman testified that she frightened the man away while attempting to set fire to the house.

William Meredith, residing on Halifax Street, was made ill last night by swallowing an overdose of laudanum, but was saved from ill effects by a physician.

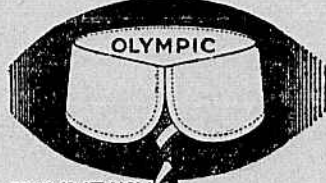
The annual meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association of this city will be held in the hall of the Chamber of Commerce to-morrow night, and a buffet lunch will be served. A football game will be played here Saturday afternoon between the Petersburg team and the Tigers, of Richmond. At the prayer meeting in Harrison Street (Colored Baptist Church) last night, the pastor, the Rev. Eli Tartie, is reported to have intimated that he is independent of any court interference in his church matters, and that the court has no right to dictate to him.

**Announcement.**

On the evening of Wednesday, October 22nd, at the residence of the bride's parents, on West Washington Street, Miss Fanciella Eichberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Eichberg, will be united in marriage to Mr. Louis Stein, a wholesale merchant of Chicago. An association for the protection of game in that vicinity has been organized by the farmers in the neighborhood of Port Walthall. In Chesterfield county, and the following officers elected: President, Alex. Stodder; Vice Presidents, E. C. Bass and W. V. Heyman; Secretary, C. R. Wood. A petition is to be presented to Judge Watson of the Circuit Court, asking for the appointment of a game warden for that district.

Mrs. Adolph Berbrich, of Chesterfield county, is a patient at the Petersburg Hospital, where she was operated on yesterday for laparotomy by Dr. Aulick Burke.

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## BYARS WILL HAVE AID OF SPEAKERS

Distinguished Men Will Enter  
Fight in Ninth Congressional  
District.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
BRISTOL, VA., October 21.—The Democratic Campaign Committee of the Ninth Virginia District was in session in Bristol all the afternoon, with J. Cloyd Byars, the Democratic nominee for Congress, presiding. Henry C. Stuart, also attended the conference. The situation in the district was carefully weighed.

Encouraging reports were brought from various counties, tending to show that the labor vote is inclining to the Democratic ticket. Candidate Byars reported conditions entirely favorable to his candidacy in the several counties in which he has spoken. It was the consensus of opinion among the members of the committee that the party has not been so well organized for a fight in many years.

It was resolved to make an active fight from now until the polls close. Mr. Stuart will remain in the district until after the election, and will speak in several counties.

## NO RACING CAMPAIGN FUND

Democratic Leaders Deny Report of  
Sporting Men's Activity.

NEW YORK, October 21.—Reports that race-track interests and followers of racing were raising a campaign fund of \$50,000 to be used for the election of Lieutenant-Governor Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler, were met with vigorous denial by State Chairman Conners and Charles E. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, to-night. Chairman Conners characterized the report as the invention of the opponents of the Democratic party.

Mr. Murphy was asked whether the State Democratic Committee will stand by State Senator McCarren's proposal to repeal the Agnew-Hart anti-gambling bill if Chanler is elected.

"Senator McCarren speaks for himself," was the reply.

One of the reporters told Mr. Murphy that there was a rumor about the city that the gamblers of New York had collected a fund to defeat Governor Hughes, and was asked if he knew anything about it.

"It has not shown up here," he replied.

To-night National Chairman Mack announced the headquarters received at the New York headquarters yesterday, as follows:  
New York—John J. Kennedy, \$250; John C. Schoenberger, \$100; John R. Abney, \$100.  
Pennsylvania—J. C. Gormley, \$100; W. E. Howley, \$200; J. P. Howley, \$100.  
Georgia—James R. Gray, \$100.  
Indiana—The Indiana Democratic Traveling Men's Club, \$125.

A mass meeting of the Democratic College Men's organization will be held in this city on October 27th, and William J. Bryan will make an address.

**Club Doing Good Work.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
REMINNAPTON, VA., October 21.—The Reminnapton Democratic Club is a live

wire in the political field, active and enthusiastic for the entire ticket, and claims to have been the first organized in the State, and no effort is being spared to render effective service in the campaign. Looking to the permanency of the organization, a con-

stitution and complete set of by-laws have been adopted. The club has forwarded a good, healthy sum to Mr. Ridder, national treasurer. Mr. A. D. Kelly is president of the club and Mr. Carney secretary.



**Telephone Talks**

No. 14.

**T**HERE is no red tape around our method of repairing telephone troubles and correcting faults in the service. When a report of trouble is made to us it goes immediately to the proper department and the investigation begins at once. The equipment, that is the subscribers' line from the switchboard to the telephone instrument, is thoroughly tested, and if necessary is inspected personally by a competent man. We have delicate instruments on the test-board that show the nature of the trouble and indicate its location.

Oftentimes the trouble is in a cable or in a telephone instrument and is of an involved nature. In such cases it is necessary to send a man out on the trouble. This requires more or less time and we realize that there is likely to be an unfortunate appearance of delay on our part. We hope our

subscribers will understand that we are not neglecting their trouble just because they do not actually see a man at work on their telephone. Frequently troubles occur on telephones and are detected by us and corrected by us without the subscriber knowing his line has been out of order.

The only thing in which we deal is telephone service. We can not give good service over lines that are in trouble. It is to our vital interest to keep all lines clear and we are constantly on the job. We employ men who are especially trained for this work. A complete record is kept of every trouble and complaint, the hour it is reported and the hour it is corrected. We are in close touch with the situation at all hours. We want our subscribers to know this and to realize that their interests are our interests.

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**Jones at Tappahannock.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
TAPPAHANNOCK, VA., October 21.—A large crowd assembled here Monday, it being the regular term of court and the last court day before election, and quite a field day was expected in politics, as a number of speakers were slated for the occasion. Mr. Jones, Mr. Tucker and Mr. Montague were expected for the Democrats. Mr. Wise and Mr. Cabell for the Republicans. No one put in an appearance except Hon. W. A. Jones, who discussed the issues of the campaign to a large and appreciative audience. This part of the State is practically solid for Bryan and Jones.

**A Good Day for Democracy.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
STANARDSVILLE, VA., October 21.—This was a splendid day for Democracy. The voters of the county of Greene and adjoining counties turned out in large numbers to hear the issues of the campaign. The Democratic cause was championed by Hon. Samuel L. Kelley, of the city of Richmond, elected at large and State Senator N. B. Easley, Jr. The speakers were enthusiastically received, and the day will bear good fruit on the 3d of November for Bryan, Kern and Jones.

## MEET IN MANCHESTER NEXT

State Council J. O. U. A. M. to Hold  
Next Session There.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
LYNCHBURG, VA., October 21.—The State Council Junior Order United American Mechanics, in session here this afternoon adopted a series of resolutions calling for free text-books in the public schools and authorizing the legislative committee to take steps to bring the matter before the next Legislature. The next session will be held at Manchester.

The new officers are: Councilor, L. B. Smith, of Richmond; warder, J. W. Camper, of Roanoke; treasurer, R. M. Fox, of Danville; treasurer, McD. Landrum, of Lynchburg; inside sentinel, E. H. Walker, of Richmond; outside sentinel, J. C. Beasley, of Accomac; trustees, S. Huff, of Roanoke; J. O. Wiggs, of Berkeley, and A. L. Sampson, of Manchester.

The secretary was elected last year for a term of two years, hence no election to-day. The council adjourned this evening.

## N. C. SUPREME COURT HANDS DOWN OPINIONS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
RALEIGH, N. C., October 21.—The North Carolina Supreme Court delivered this week opinions in ten appeals. They follow:

Stanton vs. Stanton, Edgewood; reversed.  
Perry vs. Commissioners, Franklin county; affirmed.  
Warren vs. Willford, Sampson; affirmed.  
Abrinton vs. Railroad, Lenoir; New trial.  
Duffy vs. Williams, Duplin; affirmed.  
Suttle vs. Telegraph Company, Johnston; affirmed.  
Slaughter vs. Machine Company, Wayne; affirmed.  
Mason vs. Nelson, Mecklenburg; reversed.  
McRackin vs. McKinnon, Columbus per curiam; affirmed.  
State vs. Williamson, Columbus, per curiam; affirmed.

**Cards Issued.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
RALEIGH, N. C., October 21.—Mr. John R. Ferral has issued invitations for the marriage of his daughter, Miss Lillian Murray, and Mr. Gregory Cannon, Wednesday, October 28th, in the Church of the Sacred Heart, this city. The wedding will be of special interest here.

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